

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 9-10, 16-22 and 28-32; cancel claims 7, 11-15, 23, 25 and 27; and adds new claims 33-35, all as shown below. All pending claims are reproduced below, including those that remain unchanged. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing images, the method comprising:
receiving at least one search result, the search result comprising an image, wherein the image includes an original rank, the original rank based on the relevance of the image within the search result;
converting the image to a ~~modifiable format~~ vector image, wherein the vector image comprises vector objects that represent the image, said vector objects including line segments;
determining a usability of the ~~converted~~ vector image according to ~~visual characteristics~~ image qualities of the ~~converted~~ vector image; [[and]]
wherein determining the usability comprises determining an ease of modification, said ease of modification being a measurement of the ease by which the vector objects within the vector image can be modified based on the image qualities of the vector image; and
assigning a new rank to the search result in response to the usability of the ~~converted~~ vector image.
- 2-5. (Cancelled)
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the usability comprises a similarity to previously acquired images.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the usability comprises a similarity to an image style.
9. (Currently Amended) ~~A computer program product, stored on a computer readable medium,~~

~~and including computer executable instructions~~ A computer-readable medium having executable instructions stored thereon that performs the method of [[for]] controlling a processor to provide images, the instructions comprising the steps of:

receiving at least one search result, the search result comprising an image, wherein the image includes an original rank, the original rank based on the relevance of the image within the search result;

converting the image to a vector image, wherein the vector image comprises vector objects that represent the image, said vector objects including line segments;

determining a usability of the vector image according to ~~visual characteristics~~ image qualities of the vector image; [[and]]

wherein determining the usability comprises determining an ease of modification, said ease of modification being a measurement of the ease by which the vector objects within the vector image can be modified based on the image qualities of the vector image; and

assigning a new rank to the search result in response to the usability of the vector image.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer program product~~ computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the instructions for determining a usability comprise instructions for determining one of the following:

a number of edges for the vector image, a number of segments for the vector image, a number of colors for the vector image and a number of intensity peaks for the vector image.

11-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer program product~~ computer-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the usability comprises a similarity to an image style.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for providing an image to a user, the system comprising:
a search result comprising an image; [[and]]

a conversion engine configured to convert the image to a vector image, wherein the vector image comprises vector objects that represent the image, said vector objects including line segments; and

a reorder module configured to:

determine a usability of the vector image associated with the search result according to ~~visual characteristics~~ image qualities of the vector image, wherein the usability comprises an ease of modification for the vector image, said ease of modification being a measurement of the ease by which the vector objects within the vector image can be modified based on the image qualities of the vector image; and

assign a new rank to the search result in response to the usability.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein determining a usability comprises determining a number of edges for the vector image.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein determining a usability comprises determining a number of segments for the vector image.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein determining a usability comprises determining a number of colors for the vector image.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein determining a usability comprises determining a file format for the vector image.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein determining a usability comprises determining a number of intensity peaks for the vector image.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the usability comprises an a similarity to previously acquired images.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the usability comprises a similarity to an image style.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein determining a usability comprises applying a weighted analysis, said weighted analysis includes ~~determining an ease of modification for the converted image and~~ comparing the ease of modification to the original rank of the image.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 7~~ claim 1, wherein determining the ease of modification comprises determining a number of edges for the ~~converted~~ vector image, wherein a lower number of edges indicates a higher ease of modification.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 7~~ claim 1, wherein determining the ease of modification comprises determining a number of segments for the ~~converted~~ vector image, wherein a lower number of segments indicates a higher ease of modification.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 7~~ claim 1, wherein determining the ease of modification comprises determining a number of colors for the ~~converted~~ vector image, wherein a lower number of colors indicates a higher ease of modification.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 7~~ claim 1, wherein determining the ease of modification comprises determining ~~a number of intensity peaks~~ histogram characteristics for the ~~converted~~ vector image, said histogram characteristics including intensity peaks, wherein a lower number of intensity peaks indicates a higher ease of modification.

33. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the vector image comprises connected segments of Benzier curves.

34. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the vector image comprise curve objects.

35. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing an editor module whereby a user can edit the vector image, the editor module allowing the user to select a segment of the vector image to be modified and allowing the user to

perform line-alteration operations on the selected segment to produce an edited version of the vector image.